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SUBJ: EIGHT KOREA/U.S. COMMERCE MINISTERS MEETING

REF: (A) WILSON/STAVE TELECONS JULY 27 AND 28; (B) TOKYO 11244

1. AMONG ADVANCE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY KREPS VISITHAVE BEEN: )A) TENTATIVE RESERVATION OF FOUR SINGLES AND FOUR SUITES AT CHOSUN HOTEL, (B) RESERVATION OF 300 TO 400 PERSON CAPACITY CHOSUN HOTEL BALLROOM FOR KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION DINNER SEPTEMBER 30, AND (C) PREPARATION FOR SECRETARY TO BE AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE GUEST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CONFIRMATIONS FOR HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AS WELL AS SECRETARY'S ACCEPTANCE OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SNEIDER'S INVITATION.

2. WITH REGARD TO PRESS COVERAGE, DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT REFTEL STATEMENT THAT TOKYO-BASED CORRESPONDENTS ALSO COVER KOREA AND THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO FULL-TIME AMERICAN REPORTERS STATION HERE. INASMUCH AS FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IS NOW 50 PERCENT US-OWNED (BY THE W.S.J) EMBASSY TOKYO MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ADDING RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT FOR THAT PULCIATION TO ITS LIST. ADDITIONALLY, IN KOREAN ENVIRONMENT WHERE INFORMATION FLOW IS SOMETIME SRESTRICTED, VOICE OF AMERICA ENJOYS SPECIAL IMPORTANCE AS NEWS MEDIA AND EMBASSY WOULD

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THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT VOA BE GIVEN A ASTRISK TO ASSURE MAXIMUM DISSEMINATION OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS RE US POLICY IN KOREA.

3. ROKG OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO PLAN MINISTERIAL ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN US/ROK TEXTILE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AT WASHDC. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ASSUME FOR WORKING PURPOSES THAT ROK PARTICI-

PATION WILL INCLUDE SAME REPRESENTATIVES AS SEVENTH MINISTERIAL.  
EMBASSY SEOUL PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE AMBASSADOR, ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR JOHN T. BENNETT, DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES THOMAS C. STAVE, FIRST SECRETARY JOHN M. GREGORY, JR., AS PROPOSED BY COMMERCE.

4. EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED THAT UNION GAS CO. LTD., A JOINT VENTURE BY UNION CARBIDE EASTERN, INC. AND FIVE KOREAN PARTNERS, PLANS OPENING CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 29 FOR AN INDUSTRIAL GAS PLANT AT CHANGWON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. SYMBOLISM AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF SECRETARY AND MINISTER OPENING THE PLANT ARE TOO GREAT TO OVERLOOK. EMBASSY WILL RECOMMEND SIMPLE REVERSAL AND ADJUSTMENTS OF PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30 SCHEDULES WHICH WILL PRESERVE ALL OF THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WHILE PERHAPS MAKING IT EASIER FOR HER TO ACCOMPLISH.

5. CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO JOHN M. GREGORY, JR.

6. KOREA U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL PAPER RE PROTECTIONSIM WAS SENT TO DEPARTMENT UNDER COVER OF SEOUL'S A-93 DATED 23 MAY 1977 AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM COMMERCE FILES OR EA/K.  
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